

# WAKE FOREST WOMAN'S CLUB

## MID-MONTH 'MINDER

May 2016

### Club News

#### Annual Banquet

##### **Club recognizes scholarship winner, awards members**

When the Wake Forest Woman's Club holds its annual banquet each May, you can expect many startled looks as members learn they are being honored. Dawn Nakash was positively taken aback when she learned of her selection as clubwoman of the year, (which is done by secret ballot of all the members), and that she would receive a beautifully etched glass bowl as hers to keep.

Eight women received rotating club awards. But before awards were presented, members enjoyed a meal together at the Community House, followed by the introduction of this year's scholarship recipient. The club conducted a bit of business and Marilyn Bonnett, who is our outgoing club president, read her final report to the club. Fifteen new members were inducted into the club.

Wake Forest High School senior Payton Baker attended the banquet with her parents to officially acknowledge her \$2,000 scholarship and gifts from members that will help her make the transition to UNC-Chapel Hill, where she will begin her studies in the fall. She said she wants to focus on something that will allow her to work toward ending poverty – a big goal, she admitted, but one certainly worthy of the effort.

The club's longest-serving active member, Martha Loftin, installed the club's officers for the 2016 – 2017 club year: Salina Gary, president; Sue Meehan, first vice president; Hilda Parlér, second vice president; Susan Smith, treasurer; Paula Johnson, corresponding secretary; Marilyn Bonnett, recording secretary; Sharon Rasmussen, chaplain; and Dawn Nakash, parliamentarian.

The club's awards recognize leadership, hard work, and the dedication to be "Steadfast in Service," which the new president selected as both the banquet theme and the theme for the next club year. Winners received a silver platter, bowl or pitcher, mostly named in honor of past members. Honorees this year were Miriam Blinne, Lydia Lowie Award; Tracy Mahl, Helen Saintsing Johnston Award; Paula Johnson, Thelma Wright Award; Salina Gary, Ursula Wilkinson Award; Janet Lowe, Aline Johnson Wiggins Award; Martha Loftin, Minnie Newton Award; Elaine Incorvaia, Pauline Hildebrand Award; and Kathy Norris, Messenger Award.

To see photos of the award winners and the officers for the 2016 – 2017 club year, go to [www.wake-forest-womans-club.com](http://www.wake-forest-womans-club.com), log in to the members area, and at top right in the archives area, click on "media releases." The version of this article as released to the media is posted there along with photos.

There are many more photos of the banquet posted on the club's Facebook page! Please click on <https://www.facebook.com/WakeForestWomansClub/?fref=ts> to view them. – Sharon Rasmussen

#### **Sincere Appreciation**

To my Sisters of the Wake Forest Woman's Club:

My heart is full. Thank you so much for the honor and privilege of being your Club Woman of the Year. I will strive to uphold the high honor for years to come. We don't do it for the awards – but it sure is nice to be recognized. – Dawn Nakash

## **REMINDERS:**

### **Wake Forest Charity Car Show**

The WF Charity Car Show is set for Saturday, June 11. (Rain date is Saturday, June 18.) Volunteer training orientation will be on Wednesday, June 1, at 7:00 PM at the Wake Forest Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Taylor Street entrance. Important information will be given and it is important we all attend. If you have not yet signed up to work the car show, please contact Elaine Incorvaia at 908-770-1760 or email her at [e.incorvaia105@gmail.com](mailto:e.incorvaia105@gmail.com).

### **CSP Designations**

If you have not already designated your choice for CSP the upcoming year, please contact Sue Meehan at 919-526-8103 or email her at [suemeehan44@gmail.com](mailto:suemeehan44@gmail.com).

### **Wake Weekly Subscriptions**

Even though the club doesn't meet over the summer, Martha Lofton can help members with new or renewal subscriptions of the Wake Weekly. Please contact Martha at 919-556-7776 or email her at [paddysentme@embarqmail.com](mailto:paddysentme@embarqmail.com).

## **CSP News**

### **Public Issues CSP**

Public Issues has sponsored the Dream League this year. They have invited us to attend their games on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m. at Heritage High School softball park. Miriam is planning to attend the May 28 game. You are all welcome to join her if you have the time. Mark your calendars and let's have some fun cheering them on.

The Purple Heart dinner this year will be August 6 at Richland Creek Church. If you would like to help, mark your calendar and let Miriam Blinne know. She will be sending out more information as we get closer to the event. Please contact Miriam at 919-554-2804 or email her at [msb264@nc.rr.com](mailto:msb264@nc.rr.com).

## **Federation, State, and District VI News**

### **GFWC**

#### **GFWC highlights Wake Forest Woman's Club**

Wake Forest Woman's Club highlighted by GFWC for crochet program with the Wake Forest High School Juniorettes and From Ewe to You. Read the brief story here: <http://www.gfwc.org/featured-clubs/gfwc-wake-forest-womans-club/>.

### **GFWC-NC**

#### **State Convention Summary**

Club delegates Marilyn Bonnett, Salina Gary and Deborah LaPierre, attended the GFWC of North Carolina 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on April 29 and 30, 2016, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. Gay Warren, GFWC-NC President, presided. GFWC International President, Babs J. Condon, was an honored guest in attendance throughout the Convention (April 27-30). The Credentials Committee reported on Friday that 214 individuals were present: 152 voting delegates and 62 non-voting delegates and guests. Marilyn Bonnett served as a Teller during ballot voting.

During the Business Sessions held on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, reports of Standing and Special Committees, which included the Bylaws and Resolutions and Revisions Committees, presented several proposed changes and amendments, which are highlighted below:

1. The Financial Committee Report included a recommended change in location for GFWC-NC Headquarters upon the current lease expiration date in January 2017. A search committee for a new location is underway.
2. The two current full-time office staff members, Jill Dedene, Executive Administrative Assistant and Frances Lewis, Financial and Administrative Associate, will be reclassified to part-time, non-exempt employees.
3. Budget tightening efforts are in process, including the elimination of some office equipment.
4. Changes are expected in the amount of the State-awarded Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship, and arts and writing grants will be discontinued, as will GFWC membership awards.
5. A special Grants Committee will be initiated to review and recommend grants for application.
6. The Board of Trustees Report stated that the latest financial audit concluded on 6/30/15 with an unmodified opinion, meaning no problems with internal controls, fraud or theft were found. Income from investments declined resulting in a loss of \$80K. The General Operating Budget is not sustaining needs.
7. Suggestions by the Investments Advisor include developing a realistic budget that covers essentials and to 'live within means;' modify spending policy and practices; solicit gifts from donor base (cars, real estate, jewelry, stocks, etc.); and diversify investment allocation to be consistent with strategy.
8. Several bylaw changes were adopted having to do with improving clarity and to reflect current practice. A full list will be published in the next issue of *Clubwoman Magazine*, but most notably, Article X, Finances, Section 10.3 read: "This corporation is a public charity funded by dues, public contributions, fundraising proceeds and interest from investments." The amendment, "This corporation is a public charity funded by dues, public contributions, fundraising proceeds, and investments" (striking *interest from*), was adopted to reflect actual funding sources.
9. Article X, Finances, Section 10.9, to increase annual dues paid to the state for General and Junior members from \$15.00 to \$35.00 per member, was defeated in a paper ballot vote. There was much discussion before the vote, with several club representatives speaking for and against the amendment.
10. Article X, Finances, Section 10.12, amendment to increase Honorary Life Membership (HLM) donation from \$500 to \$750, and to change the name of the GFWC-NC General Investment Fund from 'Endowment' to 'Legacy' was adopted. The increase will take effect at the beginning of the 2018 GFWC-NC Convention. The name change of the investment fund is immediate, to reflect the correct funds.
11. Article XX, Standing Committees, Section 20.6 read, "The Finance Committee shall consist of five members, including the President and Treasurer of the GFWC-NC who serves as chairman." The amendment adds, "The Chairman of the Board of Trustees or her designee shall be invited to attend meetings of the Finance Committee. The motion was adopted to facilitate communication.
12. An Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 was presented and adopted. With the defeat of the proposed dues increase, the projected shortfall will require that funds be transferred from the Legacy and General Fund (\$4K from Legacy and \$1K from General Fund). Even with the proposed transfers there will still be an unbalanced budget.
13. Marilyn Bonnett and Salina Gary attended an ESO Book Club gathering on Saturday Morning, and received certificates for Book Club members Sharon Rasmussen and Sandi Schwarz. Sharon has completed the Century II milestone, reading and reporting on 320 books. Sandi has reached the Century VI milestone reading and reporting on 520 books since the inception of our ESO Book Club in 2011. Congratulations to both ladies!
14. Our Club was recognized for having a 10% or greater increase in Club membership in 2015-2016.
15. We enjoyed our time at convention, meeting with club members from around the state, some of whom are "old friends" and others who we met for the first time. It was an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas regarding CSP projects, fundraising, and even getting leads on recruitment of new members. We hope that you will consider going to next year's convention. Stay tuned! – *Salina Gary*